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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

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1. I HAD A VERY DIFFICULT TWO HOURS WITH FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES MORNING DEC 6. AT SEVERAL POINTS HE DUG IN ON POSITIONS THAT WOULD HAVE RULED OUT ANY AGREEMENT. IN THE END, HE BACKED UP PAPADOPOULOS ON ACCEPTANCE OF DENKTASH POINTS ONE, TWO AND FOUR. ON POINT THREE HE ASKED THAT I SEEK WASHINGTON'S EARLIEST COMMENT ON HIS OWN FORMULATION AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES UNDERSTANDING OF PARAGRAPH TWELVE OF PAPER 3, REV. 4 IS THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IT COULD RECOMMEND THAT CERTAIN CASES CANNOT BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED WITHOUT EXHUMATION, AND THAT THE ICRC BE ASKED TO EXERCISE RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER. BY THE WORDING OF PARAGRAPH TWELVE THE

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THE PARTIES AGREE TO COOPERATE IN THIS RESPECT. END QUOTE.

3. CHRISTOPHIDES CONTINUED TO INSIST ON A MORE EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO MAJORITY VOTING THAN IS NOW CONTAINED IN REV 4. HE WANTS TO GO BACK TO "WHO WILL DECIDE ON ISSUES AS NECESSARY BY VOTING" IN PARA ONE.

4. IN THE END, IT WAS AGREED THAT I WOULD SEE DENKTASH THIS AFTERNOON TO TELL HIM GOC ACCEPTS HIS POINTS ONE, TWO AND FOUR. ON HIS POINT THREE, I AM TO TELL HIM THAT PAPADOPoulos ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WILL BE NO DISINTERMENT DURING THE LIFE OF THE COMMITTEE. AFTER THAT IT IS UP TO THE ICRC TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO THIS QUESTION WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES. GOC INTERPRETS THE LANGUAGE OF PARA TWELVE TO MEAN THAT "THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES" HAS BEEN AGREED. I CAN SAY THAT OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS SHOW AN AWARENESS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT COOPERATION CANNOT BE COMPELLED, BUT I WILL SAY THAT GOC IS STILL ADAMANT ABOUT EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO MAJORITY VOTING (BY LANGUAGE MENTIONED PARA THREE ABOVE) BUT US BELIEVES IT MAY HAVE SOME CHANCE OF CHANGING THIS IF DENKTASH CAN ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE IN PARA FOUR REFTEL TO BE INCORPORATED IN AN EMBASSY REPORTING TELEGRAM, COPIES OF WHICH TO BE GIVEN BOTH SIDES.

5. COMMENT: I HAD SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT WITH DENKTASH FOR LATE MORNING, BUT LENGTH OF THE MEETING WITH CHRISTOPHIDES FORCED ITS POSTPONEMENT TO 3:00 P.M. LOCAL. I WILL SEE CHRISTOPHIES AGAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DENKTASH MEETING. IF DENKTASH GOES ALONG WITH PARA FOUR REFTEL, AND THE PROCEDURE OF GIVING EACH SIDE COPIES OF REPORTING TELEGRAM, I THINK CHRISTOPHIES WILL AS WELL.

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6. BY ASKING FOR US COMMENT ON HIS INTERPRETATION OF PARA TWELVE, CHRISTOPHIDES IS IN EFFECT SEEKING A SIDE ASSURANCE/INTERPRETATION WHICH HE CAN USE WITH GREEK CYPRIOT MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE. LATTER IS CAUSING GOC REAL PROBLEMS, E.G. GOVERNMENT AND COMMITTEE MET FOR FIVE HOURS EVENING DEC 5.

7. AMBASSADOR DICTATED THIS TELEGRAM BUT DID NOT READ BEFORE TRANSMISSION.
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